

CHAPTER 09:02 WITCHCRAFT

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Cap. 21, 1948,
Cap. 25, 1959.

An Act to suppress the imputation or practice of pretended witchcraft.

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Witchcraft Act.

2. Offence to practise witchcraft

Any person who imputes to another the use of non-natural means in causing any disease in any person, animal or thing, or in causing injury to any person or property, or who names or indicates another as a wizard or witch, or who by means of pretended supernatural power indicates anyone as being responsible for, or the cause of, any injury to any person, animal or thing, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P100 or, in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.

3. Habitual witch doctor

Any person who having named or indicated another as a wizard or witch or having by means of pretended supernatural power indicated another as being responsible for, or the cause of, any injury to any person, animal or thing shall be proved to be by habit or repute a witch doctor or witch finder, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P200 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.

4. Offence to employ witch doctor

Any person who employs or solicits any witch doctor or witch finder to name or indicate another as a wizard or witch shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P20 or, in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

5. Offence to profess to be a witch or wizard

Any person professing a knowledge of so-called witchcraft or the use of charms who advises any person applying to him to bewitch or injure persons, animals or other property, or who supplies any person with the pretended means of witchcraft, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to the punishments provided by section 3.

6. Offence to follow witch doctor's advice

Any person who on the advice of a witch doctor or of his pretended knowledge of so-called witchcraft shall with intent to injure, use or cause to be put into operation such means or processes as he believes to be calculated to injure any person or property shall be guilty of an offence and liable to the punishments provided by section 3.

7. Fortune telling, etc., for gain

Any person who for purposes of gain, pretends to exercise or use any kind of supernatural power, witchcraft, sorcery, enchantment or conjuration, or undertakes to tell fortunes, or pretends from his skill or knowledge in any occult science to discover where or in what manner anything supposed to have been stolen or lost may be found shall be guilty of an offence and liable to the punishments provided by section 3.